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Royal seal of approval for opening of new Lion Yard shopping centre

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

Princess Anne at the opening of Lion Yard CN

Princess Anne is no stranger to Cambridge – 1975

PRINCESS Anne, making her first official visit to Cambridge, insisted on an impromptu chat with some of the thousands of sightseers who thronged the city centre Lion Yard shopping centre.

An estimated 10,000 people packed the Market Square and stood eight deep each side of Petty Cury as she walked into the new shopping centre.

She stopped to talk to the delighted shop girls who were crowding their doorways and also to the eager shoppers who pressed forward to get a closer look at her.

She explained: "I am not a complete stranger here because I have been shown around the university and city unofficially by two previous students who are both fans of the old city."

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